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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SHINPEI OKAJIMA, et al

Application No.: 10/001,700

Filed: November 21, 2001

For: SNOWBOARD BINDING

) Examiner: F. Vanaman

) Art Unit: 3611

) AMENDMENT

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This is a response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2002. A petition to extend time to respond accompanies this amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 48-72 and 145-147 are pending. Claims 1-47 and 73-144 have been canceled.

A new declaration is enclosed herewith as requested by the examiner.

Claims 48, 53-63, 70-72 and 145-147 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Raines (US 4,973,073) in view of Lin (US 5,259,270). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

Raines teaches a snowboard boot attachment device with a first ridge-entrapping member (60) and a second ridge-entrapping member (70), both of which are located on the sides of the boot. Lin teaches a bicycle shoe attachment device with a front fixed hook plate (62) and a rear swivel hook plate (50). The examiner states that it would be obvious to reorient Raines' lateral ridge entrapping members (60, 70) to the front and rear for the purpose of allowing a user to attach the

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